

HIS MAJESTIES

Gracious Message

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sent from Nottingham, August 25.

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And His MAJESTIES REPLY
to the same, *Septemb. 2.*

Together with

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*And also His Majesties Message in Reply to the
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By the Earles of *Southampton* and *Dorset*, Sir *Iohn*
Culpeper Knight, Chancellour of the Ex-
chequer, and Sir *William Uvedall*,
K N I G H T.

WE have with unspeak-
able grief of heart
long beheld the distra-
ctions of this Our
Kingdom; Our very
soul is full of anguish
untill we may finde
some remedy to prevent the Miseries
which are ready to overwhelm this
whole Nation by a civill war: And
though all Our endeabours tending
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to the Composing of those unhappy differences betwixt Us & Our two Houses of Parliament (though pursued by Us with all Zeal and Sincerity) have bin hitherto without that Successee hoped for; Yet such is Our constant and earnest care to preserve the publique Peace, that we shall not be discouraged from using any Expedient, Which by the blessing of the God of Mercy may lay a firm foundation of Peace and Happinesse to all Our good Subjects: To this end observing that many Mistakes have arisen by the Messages, Petitions and Answers betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parliament, Which happily may be prevented by some other Way of Treatie, wherein the Matters in difference may be more cleerly understood, and more freely transacted; we have thought fit to propound to you, That some fit persons may be by you enabled to treat with the like number to be authorized by Us, in such a manner, and with such

such freedom of Debate, as may best
 tend to that happy Conclusion, Which
 all good men desire, The Peace of
 the Kingdom: wherein as we promise
 in the word of a King all safety and
 encouragement to such as shall be sent
 unto Us, if you shall choose the place
 where we are for the Treaty, Which
 we wholly leave to you, presuming of
 the like care of the safety of those we
 shall employ, if you shall name an-
 other place; So we assure you and all
 Our good Subjects, that (to the best
 of Our understanding) nothing shall
 be therein wanting on Our part,
 which may advance the True Prote-
 stant Religion, Oppose Poperie and
 Superstition, Secure the Law of the
 Land (upon which is built as well
 Our just Prerogative, as the Propriety
 and Liberty of the Subject) Confirm
 all just Power & Priviledges of Parli-
 ament, and render Us and Our people
 truly happy by a good Understand-
 ing betwixt Us and Our two Houses.

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of Parliament. Bring with you as
firm Resolutions to do your duty, and
let all Our good People joyn with Us
in Our prayers to Almighty God for
his blessing upon this work.

If this Proposition shall be reje-
cted by you, we have done Our duty so
amply, that God will absolve Us from
the Guilt of any of that blood which
must be spilt. And what opinion soever
other Men may have of Our Power,
we assure you nothing but Our Christi-
an & pious care to prevent the Effusion
of blood hath begot this Motion, Our
Provision of Men, Arms and Money
being such as may secure Us from
further violence, till it please
God to open the eyes
of Our People.

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**The Answer of the Lords and
Commons to His Majesties Message
of the 25. of August. 1642.**

May it please Your Majestie,

THe Lords and Commons in Parliam-
ent assembled, having received
Your Majesties Message of the 25
of August, do with much grief re-
sent the dangerous and distracted
state of this Kingdom, which we
have by all means endeavoured to
prevent, both by our severall Advices and Petitions
to Your Majesty, which have bin not only without
successe, but there hath followed that, which no ill
counsell in former times hath produced, or any
age hath seen, namely, those severall Proclama-
tions and Declarations against both the Houses of
Parliament, whereby their Actions are declared
Treasonable, and their Persons Traitors; And
thereupon Your Majestie hath set up Your Stand-
ard against them, whereby You have put the two
Houses of Parliament, and in them this whole
Kingdom out of Your Protection; so that untill
Your Majestie shall recall those Proclamations and
Declarations, whereby the Earl of *Essex* and both
Houses

Houses of Parliament, and their adherents and assistants, and such as have obeyed and executed their commands & directions, according to their duties, are declared Traitors, or otherwise delinquents; And untill the Standard set up in pursuance of the said Proclamations be taken down, Your Majestie hath put us into such a condition, that whilest we so remain we cannot by the fundamentall Priviledges of Parliament, the publike trust reposed in us, or with the generall good and safetie of this Kingdom give Your Majestie any other Answer to this
 Messlage.

Job. Browne Cler. Parliament.
H. Elsinge Cler. Parl. D.Com.

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His MAJESTIES Reply

To an Answer sent by the two Houses of
Parliament to His MAJESTIES Message of
the 25. of August, concerning a Treatie
of Accommodation

We will not repeat what means
we have used to prevent the dan-
gerous, and distracted estate of
the Kingdom, nor how those
meanes have been interpreted,
because being desirous to avoid
effusion of blood we are willing to decline all
memory of former bitterness that might make
our offer of a Treatie less readily accepted.

We never did Declare, nor ever intended to
Declare both Our Houses of Parliament Trai-
tours, or set up Our Standard against them,
and much lesse to put them and this Kingdom
out of Our Protection: We utterly professe
against it before God and the world. And fur-
ther to remove all possible Scruples which
may hinder the Treaty so much desired by
us, we hereby request, that they may be ap-
pointed by you for the revoking of your Decla-
rations against all Persons as Traitors or
otherways, for assisting of us, We shall with
all cheerfulness upon the same day recall Our
B Proclama-

proclamations and Declarations, and take
down Our Standard : In which Treaty
we shall be ready to grant any thing that shall
be really for the good of Our Subjects ; Con-
juring you to consider the bleeding condition
of Ireland, and the dangerous condition of Eng-
land, in as high a degree as by these Our offers
we have declared Our Self to do : And assu-
ring you that Our chief desire in this world is
to beget a good understanding and mu-
tual confidence betwixt us and

Our two Houses of
Parliament.

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To

To the KING'S most Excellent
Majestie.

The humble Answer and Petition of the
Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament,
unto the KING'S last Message.

May it please Your Majestie.

IF we the Lords and Com-
mons in Parliament assem-
bled should repeat all the
waies we have taken, the en-
deavours we have used, and
the expressions we have made unto
Your Majestie to prevent those Distrac-
tions and Dangers Your Majestie speaks of,
likely to fall upon this Kingdom, we
should too much enlarge this Reply;
therefore as we humbly, so shall we onely
let Your Majestie know, that we cannot
recede from our former Answer, for the
Reasons therein expressed: For that Your
Majestie hath not taken down Your Stan-

last, Recalled Your Proclamations and
 Declarations, whereby You have declared
 the Actions of both Houses of Parliament
 to be Treasonable, and their Persons
 Traitors, and You have published the
 same since Your Message of the 25. of *Aug*
ust, by Your late Instructions sent to Your
 Commissioners of Array: Which Standard
 being taken down, and the Declarati-
 ons, Proclamations and Instructions re-
 called, if Your Majestie shall then upon
 this Your humble Petition, leaving Your
 Forces, Return into Your Parliamt,
 and receive their faithfull Advice, Your
 Majestie will finde such Expressions of
 our fidelities and duties as shall assure You,
 That Your Safety, Honour and Greatness
 can only be found in the Affections of
 Your People, and the sincere Counsell of
 Your Parliament whose constant and un-
 discourag'd Endeavours and Consultati-
 ons have passed through Difficulties un-
 heard of, onely to secure Your Kingdoms
 from the violent Mischiefs and Dangers
 now ready to fall upon them, and every

part of them; who deserve better of Your
Majestie, and can never allow themselves
(representing likewise Your whole King-
dom) to be balanced with those persons;
whose desperate Dispositions and Coun-
sels prevail still so to interrupt all our
Endeavours for the relieving of bleed-
ing *Ireland*, as we may fear our Labours and
vast expences will be fruitlesse to that di-
stressed Kingdom. As Your presence is thus
humbly desired by us, so is it in our hopes
Your Majestie will in Your Reason be-
leeve, there is no other way then this to
make Your Majesties self happy, and Your
Kingdom safe.

Jo. Brown Cler. Par.

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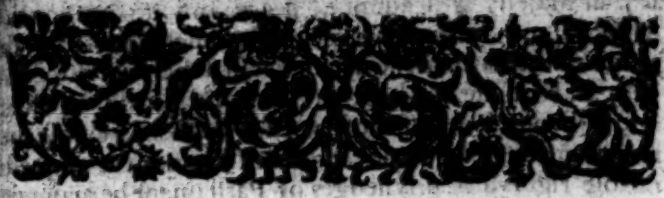
In Reply to the Answer and humble Petition of both Houses of Parliament.

WE have taken most wayes, used most endrabbours, and made most reall expressions to prevent the present Distractions and Dangers, let all the World judge, as well by former Passages, as by Our two last Messages, which have been so fruitlesse, that (though we have descended to desire and presse it) not so much as a Treatie can be obtained, unlesse we would denude Our Self of all Force to defend Us from a visible Strength Marching against Us, and admit those Persons as Traitors to Us, who according to their Ouetie, their Oathes of Allegiance, and the Law, have appeared in defence of Us their King and Liege Lord (whom we are bound in
Con-

Conscience and Honour to preserve)
 though we disclaimed all Our Procla-
 mations and Declarations, and the
 erecting of Our Standard as against
 Our Parliament. All we have now
 left in Our Power is, to expresse the
 deep Sense we have of the publique
 misery of this Kingdom, in which is
 involved that of Our distressed Pro-
 testants of Ireland, and to apply Our
 Self to Our necessary Defence, where-
 in we wholly rely upon the providence
 of God, the Justice of Our Cause,
 and the Affection of Our good People,
 so far we are from putting them out
 of Our Protection, when you shall
 desire a Treaty of Us, we shall pl-
 oously remember whose Blood is to be
 spilt in this Quarrell, and cheerfully
 embrace it. And as no other Reason
 induced Us to leave Our city of London,
 but that with Honour and Safety we
 could not stay there; nor raise any Force,
 but for the necessary Defence of Our
 Person and the Law, against Lea-
 vies

bles in opposition to both; so we shall suddenly and most willingly return to the One, and disband the Other, as soon as those Causes shall be removed. The God of Heaven direct you, and in mercy divert those Judgements which hang over this Nation, and so deal with Us and Our Posterity, as we desire the Preservation and Advancement of the true Protestant Religion, the Law and the Liberty of the Subject, the just Rights of Parliament, and the Peace of the Kingdom.

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TO THE
KINGS most Excellent
MAJESTY

The humble Answer of the Lords
and Commons in Parliament Assembled.

May it please Your Majesty,

VEE the Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled, do present this our humble Answer to your Majesties message of the 11. of this instant moneth of *Septemb.* When we consider the oppressions, rapines, firing of houses, murders, (even at this time whilst your Majesty propounds a Treaty) Committed upon your good Subjects by your Souldiers, in the presence, and by the authority of their commanders, being of the number of those, whom your Majesty holds your selfe bound in honour and conscience to protect as persons doing their duties, wee cannot thinke your Majesty hath done all that in you lies to prevent or remove the present distractions, nor so long

as your Majesty will admit no peace without securing the Authors and Instruments of these mischiefs from the justice of the Parliament, which yet shall be ever dispensed with all requisite moderation, and distinction of offences, although some of those persons be such in whose preservation your Kingdome cannot be safe, nor the unquestionable rights and priviledges of Parliament be maintained: without which, the power and dignity thereof will fall into contempt: We beseech your Majesty therefore to consider your expressions, That God shall deal with you and your posterity as your Majesty desires the preservation of the just rights of Parliament, which being undeniable in the trying of such as we have declared to be Delinquents, we shall beleve your Majesty, both towards your selfe and Parliament, will not in this priviledge we are most sensible of, deny us that which belongs unto the meanest Court of Justice in this Kingdome: neither hath your Majesty cause to complaine that you are denyed a Treaty, when we offer all that a Treaty can produce, or your Majesty expect, security, honor, service, obedience, support, and all other effects of an humble loyall and faithfull subjection; and seeke nothing, but that our Religion, Liberty, Peace of the Kingdome, safety of the Parliament, may be secured from the open violence, and cunning practises of a wicked party, who have long plotted our ruine and destruction: And if there were any cause of Treaty, we know no competent persons to Treate betwixt the King and Parliament: And if both cause and persons were such as to invite Treaty, The season is altogether unfit, whilst your Majesties Standard is up, and your Proclamations and Declarations unrecalled, whereoy your Parliament is charged with Treason.

If Your Majesty shall persist to make Your selfe a shield
and defence to those instruments, and shall continue to
reject our faithfull and necessary advice, for securing and
maintaining Religion and Liberty, with the peace of the
Kingdome, and safety of the Parliament, we doubt not but
to indifferent judgments it will easily appeare who is most
tender of that innocent Blood which is like to be spilt in
this cause, Your Majesty, who by such persisting, doth en-
danger your selfe, and your Kingdome, or we who are
willing to hazzard our selves to preserve both. We hum-
bly beseech Your Majesty to consider, how impossible it
is, that any Protestation, though published in Your Maj-
esties Name, of Your tendernesse of the miseries of your
Protestant Subjects in *Ireland*, of your resolution to main-
taine the protestant Religion, and Lawes of this Kingdom,
can give satisfaction to reasonable and indifferent men,
when at the same time divers of the Irish Traytors and
Rebels, the knowne favourers of them, and agents for
them, are admitted to Your Majesties presence with grace
and favour, and some of them imployed in Your service:
when the Cloathes, Munition, Horses, and other necessa-
ries bought by Your Parliament, and sent for the supply of
the Army against the Rebels there, are violently taken a-
way, some by Your Majesties command, others by Your
ministers, and applied to the maintenance of an unnaturall
warre against Your people here.

All this notwithstanding, as we never gave your Majesty
any just cause of withdrawing Your selfe from your great
Councell, so it hath ever been and shall ever be farre from
us to give any impediment to your returne, or to neglect
any proper meanes of curing the distempers of the King-
dome, and closing the dangerous breaches betwixt your
Majesty

Majesty and your Parliament, according to the great trust
which lies upon us. And if your Majesty shall now be
pleased to come backe to Your Parliament, without Your
Force, we shall be ready to secure your Royall Person,
your Crowne and Dignity with our lives and fortunes,
your presence in this your great Councell being the onely
meanes of any Treaty betwixt your Majesty and them, with
hope of successe.

And in none of our desires to your Majesty shall we be
swayed by any particular mans advantage, but shall give a
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